Raising of 2IR Battalions in Tripura

1395. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to raise 2IR Battalions in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Steps to Curb Insurgency

1396. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to curb insurgency activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons as to why insurgency activities have increased during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects., it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various measures and take concrete steps in this regard. Central Government has been regularly sensitising all the State Governments and concerned agencies regarding insurgent activities. Intelligence is shared on continuous basis and support is provided by way of financial assistance under a Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces. Central Government also provides para military forces on need basis. In order to prevent infiltration, border fencing and flood lighting has been undertaken along stretches of Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders besides patrolling.

(c) The major concerns in this regard centre around Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and inter-linked and externally supported militant activities of some groups in some State of North East. During the last three years, there has been no perceptible increase in militancy in J and K as compared to the previous period. However, there has been some increase in the number of attacks on the camps of security forces. Militant activities in Manipur and Tripura have shown an increase in recent past. The situation in rest of the North East, including Assam and Nagaland, has shown a distinct improvement.

Special Cells to Check ISI Activities

1397. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up special cells to check ISI acivities in certain States like Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to check the activities of ISI agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Some States have taken special measures including setting up of special cells, task forces etc. to check activities of Pak ISI. Central Government also provides financial assistance to State Governments for modernisation of their police forces in order to equip them to deal with terrorism and other security related problems more effectively.

(c) From time to time the Central Government has been sensitising the State Governments about the threat perception and movement of ISI agents/activities. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI agents. As a result of coordinated action, a number of ISI backed modules have been neutralized.